CHAPTER NO. 895

SENATE BILL NO. 2237

By Fowler, Atchley

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2222

By Sharp, McDaniel

AN ACT To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 12, Chapter 3, relative to public purchases.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 12-3-204, is amended by deleting the words and figures "five thousand dollars (\$5,000)" and substituting instead the words and figures "ten thousand dollars (\$10,000)".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 12-3-204, is further amended by deleting the words and figures "two thousand dollars (\$2,000)" and substituting instead the words and figures "five thousand dollars (\$5,000)".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 12-3-210(a), is amended by deleting the words and figures "one thousand dollars (\$1,000)" and substituting therefor the words and figures "two thousand dollars (\$2,000)".

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 12, Chapter 3, is amended by adding a new section to read as follows:

Section 12-3-____. Cooperative Purchasing Agreements. -- The Commissioner of General Services is authorized to enter into cooperative purchasing agreements with other states, local governments and higher education institutions, provided each contract is established through the use of competitive sealed bids and each procurement has the prior approval of the Board of Standards.

SECTION 5. The Comptroller of the Treasury shall report to the Governor and the General Assembly as soon as practicable after the provisions of this act have been in effect for one (1) year on the impact the provisions of this act have had upon state government and state government vendors.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: April 23, 1998

JOHN S. WILDER SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER

APPROVED this 7th day of May 1998

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